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SUBJ: SOVIET-CANADIAN RELATIONS: CREDITS AND CSCE

1. SUMMARY. CANADIAN REPORT ON RECENT SENIOR AND WORKING LEVEL BILATERAL EXCHANGES WITH SOVIETS SHOW CANADIANS HOPEFUL SOVIETS WILL PICK UP CANADIAN CREDIT LINE, SOVIETS THOUGH ON CSCE HUMANITARIAN ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. AT POL COUNSELORS' MEETING JULY 29, CANADIAN REP NOTED THAT OTTAWA HOPED FIRST MEETING OF NEWLY-ESTABLISHED LONG-TERM ECONOMIC COMMISSION IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER WOULD GIVE THE SOVIETS AN INCENTIVE TO USE THE \$500 MILLION CREDIT LINE THE CANADIANS HAVE EXTENDED. HE SAID MEA ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY GOLDSCHLAG HAD ALSO MADE A STRONG PITCH FOR SOVIET PICKUP OF CREDIT LINE IN TWO DAYS OF TALKS ON SOVIET-CANADIAN RELATIONS WITH DEPUTY FONMIN ZEMSKOV WEEK OF JULY 19. (CANADIANS WERE TOLD ZEMSKOV IS NOW THE DEPUTY FONMIN RESPONSIBLE FOR CANADA BECAUSE KOZYREV IS SPENDING FULL TIME ON LOS MATTERS.)

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3. GOLDSCHLAG REPORTEDLY RAISED FAMILY REUNIFICATION IN A CSCE CONTEXT DURING HIS TALKS, NOTING THAT WHILE CANADA SUBSCRIBES TO THE CONCEPT THAT THE FINAL ACT COVERS AND MUST BE IMPLEMENTED IN ALL ITS DIFFERENT ASPECTS, IN CANADA CSCE MEANS BASKET III, AND THERE ARE GREAT PRESSURES ON THE PRIME MINISTER AND PARLIAMENT CONCERNING FAMILY REUNIFICATION. ZEMSKOV HAD REPLIED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD PERMITTED 3,000 PERSONS TO EMIGRATE TO CANADA OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS (IN CONTRAST TO CANADIAN UNDERSTANDING, LOOYE SAID, THAT FIGURE IS NEARER 1,000), AND REPEATED STANDARD LINE THAT ANYONE CAN EMIGRATE WHO WISHES EXCEPT FOR THOSE WITH SECURITY PROBLEMS, AND EVEN THEY CAN LEAVE AFTER TWO-TO-FIVE YEARS DEPENDING ON SENSITIVITY OF SECURITY STATUS. ZEMSKOV HAD MENTIONED MARINA TEMKINA CASE AS ONE WHERE UNNECESSARY TROUBLE WAS BEING STIRRED UP BY HOSTILE ELEMENTS, AND, IN GENERAL, USED ONLY U.S.-RELATED CASES AS EXAMPLES, MUCH TO CANADIAN CHAGRIN.

4. ALSO IN A CSCE CONTEXT, THE SOVIETS HAD LOBBIED FOR BREZHNEV'S PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCES ON ENERGY, TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND CHIDED THE CANADIANS FOR INSUFFICIENT INTEREST IN ECE DISCUSSIONS.

5. WITH USA AND CANADA INSTITUTE DIRECTOR ARBATOV, LOOYE REPORTED, GOLDSCHLAG HAD DISCUSSED CONCEPTS OF DETENTE, STRESSING THAT BACK HOME IN CANADA THE CONCEPT MEANT LESSENING OF IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE. ARBATOV IS EVIDENTLY TRYING TO ORGANIZE A DARTMOUTH GROUP TYPE OF EXCHANGE WITH CANADIAN PERSONALITIES, AND IT APPEARS THAT THE FIRST MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SPRING OF 1977.
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